

TITLE 4. CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Final Regulation

REGISTRAR'S NOTICE: The Marine Resources Commission is claiming an exemption from the Administrative Process Act in accordance with § 2.2-4006 A 11 of the Code of Virginia; however, the commission is required to publish the full text of final regulations.

Title of Regulation: **4VAC20-752. Pertaining to Blue Crab Sanctuaries (amending 4VAC20-752-30).**

Statutory Authority: § 28.2-201 of the Code of Virginia.

Effective Date: May 1, 2018.

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Summary:

The amendments change the start of the season closure to crab harvesting in Areas 2, 3, and 4 of the Blue Crab Sanctuary from May 9 to May 16.

4VAC20-752-30. Harvest restrictions.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct commercial or recreational crabbing within Virginia Blue Crab Sanctuary Area 1A from June 1 through September 15.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct commercial or recreational crabbing within Virginia Blue Crab Sanctuary Area 1B and 3 from May 16 through September 15.

~~C. It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct commercial or recreational crabbing within Virginia Blue Crab Sanctuary Area 3 from May 9 through September 15.~~

~~D. C.~~ C. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, harvest, or possess crabs for commercial purposes from Virginia Blue Crab Sanctuary Areas 2 and 4 from May 9 16 through September 15.